

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph 0009 with the following amended paragraph:

In yet another embodiment there is provided a method for operating a rotatable, removable media path jam clearance apparatus installable within a substantially rigid supporting structure. The media path jam clearance apparatus includes a jam clearance element, media drive mechanisms and guide baffles. The method includes driving at flexible media through a media path located within the media path jam clearance element. The media path is defined by guide elements having facing surfaces defining the media path and external surfaces capable of supporting the flexible media as it is wrapped around the external surfaces. Guide baffles are retracted to a position sufficient to prevent interference with rotational movement of the jam clearance element within the supporting structure. The jam clearance element is rotated about a pivotal support within the supporting structure when flexible media has become jammed in the media path, so that a captured unit of flexible media is wrapped around the external surfaces of the guide elements. The jam clearance element is then partially or fully extracted from the supporting structure in a direction perpendicular to the process direction.

Please replace paragraph 0027 with the following amended paragraph:

Director element 210 includes means for providing access to and egress from a selected one of media paths 240, 242, 243 or 244. For the purposes of this embodiment a set of articulating tips 250, 252, and 254, which move relative to the body of director are illustrated, with operation of such a director element described more fully in Attorney Docket Number D/A3491, titled "Flexible Director Paper Path Module", incorporated by reference hereinabove. It will be noted that while for the purposes of this embodiment articulating tips are illustrated, director element 210 may utilize various structures known in the art or later invented for providing access to and egress from a selected media path.

Please replace paragraph 0036 with the following amended paragraph:

Figure 10 illustrates features of another example embodiment for the jam clearance apparatus, which include the jam clearance element with an example supporting frame structure.

In this embodiment the jam clearance element includes articulating tips 1010, side baffles 1020, and end cap 1070. The spatial relationship of baffles 1020 and the director element (not shown) is maintained by opposing end caps 1070. End caps 1070 also provide pivotal support for articulating tips 1010. Handle 1030 is attached to one of end caps 10730 through rotational support structure 1040 to enable rotation of the jam clearance element and extraction of it from the machine. Media captured by the jam clearance element are spindled onto the jam clearance element by rotating handle 1030 until the entire media sheet is wrapped around the external surfaces of baffles 1020. The jam clearance element is then removed from frame support 1060 by pulling handle 1030 outward from the machine such that the element glides on sliding support 1050. The media is extracted by unrolling and pulling the media parallel to the process direction. Nip baffles 1020 and articulating tips 1010 may be fabricated from materials known in the art, for example, an injection molded plastic with bent metal reinforcing elements. Frame support 1060, sliding support 1050, and rotational support 1040 may comprise any substantially rigid structure that provides support for the components of the jam clearance element.